

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 896
By Rinks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Robert Wormsley for his
laudable service to the counties and people of
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those
citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community
leaders and public servants of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Robert Wormsley who has served this
great State, especially its county governments, as well as our Nation, for nearly forty years in
various capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Campbell County, Tennessee, Mr. Wormsley was born and
raised in the Caryville community and, despite serving state and county governments in
Nashville for many years throughout his career, continues to reside there to this day with his
beloved wife, Janet; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wormsley is a graduate of Jacksboro High School and Cumberland
College; he commenced his tenure in public service in 1964 when he began working for the
Tennessee Department of Revenue as a Sales Tax Auditor at the Knoxville regional office while
finishing his education; and

WHEREAS, in April 1966, Mr. Wormsley joined with the ranks of those brave men and
women who have gallantly served our Nation in the United States Army; during his three-year
military leave of absence, Mr. Wormsley was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Army
Medical Service Corps and served a year each as Personnel Officer at Reynolds Army Hospital
in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, at the 93rd Evacuations Hospital in Long Binh, Vietnam, and at the U.S.
Army Medical Training Center in Fort Sam Houston, Texas. During his excellent military
service, Mr. Wormsley was the recipient of the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal,
and the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; and

WHEREAS, returning to the Department of Revenue in 1969, Mr. Wormsley continued to serve state government until 1978 when he joined the University of Tennessee's County Technical Assistance Service as a Financial Advisor for the East Tennessee counties that stretched from Mountain City to Chattanooga; in 1980, he moved to Nashville to become Assistant Director of CTAS and was promoted to Director in 1989, a capacity in which he served with dedication until 1993; and

WHEREAS, beginning his tenure as the Executive Director of the Tennessee County Services Association in 1993, Mr. Wormsley lobbied the General Assembly on behalf of the ninety-five counties of Tennessee until his retirement from the Association in December of 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wormsley has also lent his time and talents to the State by serving as a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, Member of the State Insurance Committee, Member of the Board of Directors of the TCSA Loan Program, and as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Local Government Data Processing Corporation; additionally, he has been active in several State and National organizations, including the National Association of Counties, which addresses local government issues on the State and National level; and

WHEREAS, even after his retirement as Executive Director from the Tennessee County Services Association, he continues his service to local governments in Tennessee by working as a part-time contract lobbyist for the Association and by serving in a new position as Vice President of the Local Government Insurance Pool; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wormsley is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of nearly forty years, Janet, and his daughter, Nicole; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wormsley epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a dedicated public servant and true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Robert Wormsley for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Robert Wormsley for his meritorious and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and its county governments, saluting his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction. We extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy